

Being Funny Is Serious; Fitch Relaxes on Tears

RECEIVED HIM AS A TEMPERAMENTAL, LONG-HAIRED, SLINDER-FINGERED, BIBULOUS, AWAKE NIGHTS SORT OF PERSON—



George Fitch.



HE LIKES A TEARFUL TIME AT THE THEATER.

The efficiency craze has hit the joke making business.

The up-to-date newspaper humorist leaves liquor alone. He is different in many other ways from the average conception of him. George Fitch tells the details.

In this interview the author of the famous Siwash tales, and of dozens of motorboat stories, in addition to his famous funny column, presents a few serious facts about this business of being funny at so much per week.

By J. R. HILDEBRAND.

Strange that in these days of playgrounds, public baths, free movies, and recreation centers for everyone from the coal heaver to the anaemic bookkeeper, and from the tired business man to the superannuated den-

tist, that one thriving industry should have been neglected by philanthropists and social workers. Hence it came about that the press humorist had to look out for himself. He did that by organizing, just like other human beings. But he organized, not for higher wages, not for shorter hours, not for better ventilation. He organized for the sole purpose that he might go off just one week in the year with others of his kind and enjoy one sad, lugubrious, tearful, restful and happy week. Wherefore the American Press Humorists. And this statement of the worthy purpose of that earnest organization is direct from George Fitch, its president.

"Why is a humorist, anyway?" "For umpty-umpty dollars a week," the cynic would reply. But Fitch thought long and carefully. "We are pretty much like other human beings," he drawled. "And we refuse to be classified and ticketed in a group. Most of us are hard working, serious chaps. Some just grind out a daily column for the seeming joy of it, some sweat blood over every flash of wit. Search your own brain to see what you actually thought about this ubiquitous tribe that every newspaper reader knows, but whom but few have seen. Ten to one you either conceived

platform that the seat of Government should be moved from Washington to Peoria, Ill. "And as I wandered about this morning I felt so sorry for you all. I wonder what might be left. I can't tell you just when the moving is to take place. My friend from my home district did not tell me." But there is more human interest, if not more news, in the pranks these humorists do when together, than in the moving of a capital. And by way of exploding the final misconception of this business of being a funny man, Fitch told of the extreme sobriety of the crowd, even when on their weeks' vacation, from being funny.

Kill That Fly Now and Prevent a Million

Enemies of the fly should take advantage of these cool days to kill the insect. In blistering hot weather the germ-carrying pest is particularly active, but on moderately cool days he becomes so inactive that killing is easy. The death of one fly means a decrease in the annual crop of one million. If every individual in Washington would allot ten flies to his summer slaughter, the Capital of the nation would soon be a flyless city. It is the desire of the District Health Department and Bureau of Entomology of the Department of Agriculture that Washington be

Police Court Record

United States Branch, Judge Mulwain—John Patton, cruelty to animals, nolle prossed; Anthony Whitman, false pretenses, continued; William Gaines and Gabel Gaines, larceny, nolle prossed; George Brown, cruelty to animals, collared forfeited; Albert Pullman, assault, \$20 or 30 days; Burtley Williams, cruelty to animals, \$10 or 20 days; Henry Clayton, embezzlement, continued; Leroy Talbot, larceny, nolle prossed. District Branch, Judge Fugh—Thomas O'Neil, John Johnson, John L. Res, Augustus Winston, Harry Skilman, Joseph Dixon, Harry West, William E. Brane, Lewis Foster, intoxication, \$10 or 20 days; Joseph Baker, disorderly, personal bond; Isaiah Smallwood, disorderly, personal bond; James Sykle, disorderly, personal bond; George F. Leas, unlicensed cattle dealer, continued; Leonard Hitchcock, intoxication, personal bond; Rufus T. Davis, intoxication, personal bond; Rachel Craig, disorderly, collateral forfeited; Frank Outward, intoxication, collateral forfeited; Omer Carlsie, disorderly, personal bond; Benjamin Simpson, disorderly, \$10 or 20 days.

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